H.C. Burleigh Papers

Blanchard

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This is a plain tale (told in this year of our Lord 1925 by a plain workingman) of a plain people, who, three hundred and fifteen years ago, for conscience's sake, left the land of their nativity and who, two hundred years later, through loyalty to the first land of their adoption, sacrificed the accumulated wealth of many generations to migrate and assist in transforming a primeval, forest-clad countryside into a region of smiling farms, the home of a peaceful, frugal, industrious, God-fearing people. It is a tale of such virile, vital heroism that he upon whom devolves the task of telling it trembles in contemplation of the enormity of the responsibility thus thrust upon him.

In Thomas Hardy's masterpiece "TESS OF THE D'URBERVILLES" old John Durbeyville is accosted on the highway by the Vicar and informed that his (John's) ancestors had, hundreds of years before, crossed the Channel from France and that their figures had loomed large in the early history of England. Old John lost no time; he commandeered the first coach that came along the highway, had himself driven to the nearest public house and was soon in a condition of blissful inebriety. He then rode home in state in the coach, proclaiming in stentorian tones to all and sundry along the village street - "We has ancestors". There are in the counties of Leeds and Grenville, Ontario, at least eight families whose members, if they felt inclined to emulate old John, would have due warrant of history for doing so.

In the year 1610 a large colony of Huguenots, a few of whose family names will be mentioned later, left Normandy and Brittany in France and settled in Yorkshire, England, in the towns of Halifax, Leeds and Bradford. The ancestors of most of the members of this colony had, in the remote past, lived in the Alpine region of France, although, for many generations before their migration, they had made their abode in the more thickly populated parts of the country. They were among the first Protestants in Christendom, having withdrawn from the Roman Catholic Church about the year 1550, to become faithful disciples of John Calvin, who, by the way, was a Frenchman born in Picardy and whose name was originally Chauvin.

Prior to the time this colony left France the Protestant party, headed by the Bourbons, had been in an almost continuous state of warfare with the Catholic party, headed by the Guises. The name "Huguenots" was first applied with scorn to these French Protestants by their opponents, but it was not many years until it became a name universally held in high honour.

Of this colony which crossed to England a large part remained in that country, but a moiety of the colony in 1639 crossed the sea in various sailing ships and settled in Massachussetts at Braintree, Charlestown and Salem. Many of their descendants later settled in Vermont, in Windham, Windsor and Addison counties, eventually spreading over into Essex county in the state of New York.

When the War of the American Revolution broke out in 1776 most of these colonists of Huguenot extraction sided with the Thirteen Colonies, but a minority sided actively with England. The war was over in 1781 and the peace treaty signed in 1783, by which England granted indepen-

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dence to the Thirteen Colonies. However, Vermont, owing to a fight with New York state over the boundary, was not admitted to the Union and did not become part of the United States until 1791, eight years later. In the summer of that year these Loyalists, having lost everything, left Vermont, with their families and their few belongings, and made their way through the forest, crossing the River St. Lawrence and settling in the present counties of Leeds and Grenville, Ontario. A few refugees from Massachussetts and from Essex county, N. Y. accompanied them and nearly all were of Huguenot ancestry and direct descendants of the original colony which left France in 1610.

The names of the families in Leeds and Grenville, which, if they had preserved their family records, could thus trace their ancestry back to Old France, are as follows:- Bissell, Bellamy, Carpenter, Olds, Blanchard, Loverin, Taplin and Cornell.

When their ancestors went originally to England many of them settled in the town of Leeds; it is therefore a natural inference that they were the ones who gave to Leeds county its present name. Some of the Loyalists of pure English ancestry, who came from Vermont with the rest, had, for many years before the war, lived in or near the towns of Westport and Elizabethtown, N. Y., and it was they who gave to the township of Elizabethtown and to the village of Westport, Ontario, their names. Some of the families from Vermont had lived for a long time in Addison county in that state, where there is also a town called Addison, and the village of Addison, Onterio, thus got its name.

If anyone should care to read this, he would doubtless be interested in the parts played by members of these families in the drama of life in the long ago. A painstaking search of one year's duration has revealed nothing in regard to some and much as to others. A brief summary of the information gleaned is appended.

BISSELL, originally Bissail, meaning unknown, no early mention. The first Bissell, a descendant of this Huguenot colony, who attained to fame, was William Shannon Bissell, law partner of President Cleveland, afterwards Postmaster General of the United States and Chancellor of the University of Buffalo. The Bissell family settled in the county of Grenville at North Augusta and Easton's Corners. The most widely known member of the family was Truman Bissell, who was a man of great influence in the community. The members of this family have played a large part in the history of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

BELLAMY, from French "belle ami", meaning "beautiful friend", these French words being pronounced just as the name is to-day. Samuel, Edward, Hiram and Chauncey came to Canada from Vermont, from the town of Vergennes some years after the others. They were sons of Justus Bellamy, who was a former English Army officer. Samuel owned a large tract of land near North Augusta and he and his three brothers in partnership operated mills there and at Elbe, Ont. and near Toledo, Ont. Among the descendants of Samuel were Dr. Archibald Waite Bellamy, Rochester, N. Y., Dr. N. M. Bellamy, Ottawa and John Blanchard Bellamy, Capitalist, Columbus, Ohio. One branch of this family went to Holland instead of England, as did the rest, and this branch produced James Bellamy, the premier Dutch poet and restorer of modern Dutch poetry. Edward Bellamy, the American author of the modern classic "Looking Backward" was a descendant of the branch of the family, which came to Massachussetts in 1639 with the colony mentioned hereinbefore.

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CARPENTER, from old French "carpentier" and modern French "charpemtier",meaning a worker in wood. Edmund James Carpenter, American journalist and author, born in North Attleboro, Mass., was the first member of this family of Huguenot ancestry who attained to fame. D. W. Carpenter now living in Brockville, Ontario, is a well known descendant of this family.

OLDS. Most authorities give this name as originally "OLDYS", although tradition in the family says it was of old time "AULDS". Of the branch of this family which remained in England the most distinguished was William Oldys, author and antiquary, born in London in 1696. The Olds family is descended from Dr. Robert Olds, the father of all the Oldses in America. He was a famous New England physician; he received his medical training in England. The descent from Dr. Robert Olds is:- William, Moses (who came to Canada in 1791), Samuel, William 2nd (affectionately remembered by the present generation, he having been known generally as "Uncle Billy") and Norton Olds, who still resides at Greenbush and who is one of the most intelligent, popular and highly respected citizens in the township of Elizabethtown.

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work so well begun by his predecessors in the family.

For hundreds of years, in the march of civilization, France has ever been well in the van; a Frenchman may well be proud of the land of his nativity. However, of the descendants of the members of the colony, the history of which is outlined hereinbefore, few of the present generation have in their veins a great deal of French blood. A minute analysis of the ancestry of one member reveals that he is 50% Scotch, about 38% English and 12% French. A quick mental survey puts the rest in about the same category.

Then again, although they and their forefathers have been Protestants since about the time of Martin Luther, there has always been among them, and there is to-day, a wholesome, whole-hearted respect and kindly regard for all who are true to the tenets of the Roman Catholic Church. While they are all the staunchest of Protestants, they count among their very best friends many who are faithful members of the Church of Rome. They would be the first to protest against the abridgement of any man's liberty to worship God in the manner which seems to him best.

In compiling this information a great deal has been learned, which will be of interest here.

The ALGUIRE family is of U. E. Loyalist ancestry and has always been well and favourably known in Leeds county. Their name is derived from the French "a le guerre", meaning "at the war", signifying that they were military men. It would be originally pronounces "Ally-Gare", accent on the last syllable, which was changed in time to "Allyger" and finally Anglicized into "Allgyer" or "Alguire". This family originally lived in the Alpine region of France, but gravitated to Switzerland, thence as Huguenots to Holland. When they came to America they landed at Boston and settled at Albany, where there was already a colony of Huguenots from Holland. New York City (New Amsterdam) was founded by the Huguenots under Dutch auspices and the first white child born in that city was French. Of these first Huguenot settlers in New Amsterdam some went on up the Hudson and founded Fort Orange (Albany). Daniel Alguire, the U. E. Loyalist, was born near Albany and, when he came to Canada, he settled near Avonmore, Ont.

The LAMB family was also of U. E. Loyalist ancestry. They came from England, being of pure English stock, and settled in Connecticut in 1660 Jesse Lamb, greatgrandfather of S. C. A. Lamb, at present a popular citizen of Athens, Ont., came to Canada about the year 1800 and was given a grant of land by the Crown, located near the present village of New Dublin. The original deed, on parchment, with a 4½ inch seal, is still in the possession of the family.

Another well known U. E. Loyalist family was that of ARNOLD. This name means in Old High German "strong as an eagle". The first trace of this family is found in Switzerland in the 14th century, where a knight of that name saved his country in battle royal with the Austrians. From there one branch of the family went to Germany and produced Jonas Arnold, a famous artist. Another branch of the family went to England in the 14th century, from which branch the Leeds county Arnolds are descended. Matthew and Sir Edwin were famous English representatives of the family. Henry H. Arnold, a prosperous merchant, Athens, Ont., is the most widely known of the present generation of this family.

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Among the U. E. Loyalist families in Leeds county, which came from Pennsylvania, are those whose names follow:- Wiltse, Phillips, Phelps, Mott, Purvis, Stevens and Knapp. They came to Canada about the year 1802. Judge Mott of the Toronto Juvenile Court is a distinguished descendant of one of the members of this colony and Dr. John F. Purvis, the well known and popular physician of Brockville, Ont., traces his ancestry to another member of the same colony. Of the Wiltse family Joseph went back to the United States and fought to free the slaves in the Civil War. His commission as Lieutenant or Captain, signed by Abraham Lincoln, is still retained by some of the members of the family living in the West. The Wiltse family ia very numerous and their influence has always been very strong for good in the community. The Stevens, Knapp, Phillips and Phelps families have had a large share in making Leeds county what is to-day. Of the older generation of the Stevens family Stephen attained a high position in municipal matters and Dr. Rupert Stevens of Ottawa is about the best known of the present generation. Of the Knapp family in the older generation Ithamer is best remembered. The large moustache and military bearing of Case Phillips, for many years Chief of Police of Athens, Ont., will always be remembered by thousands of youths, who years ago were students at the Athens High, Model and Public Schools. Athens would have been a prosaic seat of learning, had it not been blessed with the picturesque figure and kindly but incisive language of our good old friend "Case".

For a great deal of the information herein set forth thanks must be gratefully given to the American portion of one of the families mentioned, whose members at the time of the American War of the Revolution divided, the majority siding with the Americans, while the minority sided actively with England.

Among the family papers in the possession of him, who has tried in his halting way to tell this tale and whose signature appears at its conclusion, is one which throws a curious side-light on the troubles of the early settlers in Massachussetts. They were in constant dread of the Indians, who indulged in so many marauding expeditions, that the government of Massachussetts finally offered a reward of one hundred pounds sterling for each scalp of an Indian produced by any of its citizens. A man named Lovewell (surely wrongly named) organized a band of forty men, which made a business of slaying Indians for their scalps. On one occasion they came upon ten Indians asleep in their camp; they slew the whole lot and got five thousand dollars for their day's work. The people of Massachussetts were a kindly lot, but, in their struggles with the aborigines, it was often a case of war to the death.

The Huguenots were faithful followers of John Calvin, after whom one of the descendants of the original Huguenot colony mentioned herein is named. The Christian name of the President of the United States is Calvin, by reason of the fact that some of his ancestors were Huguenots, he being a native of Windsor county,Vermont. Leeds county years ago also had a prominent and highly respected Coolidge family, but faith-

ful endeavour has failed to reveal its Vermont origin.

When the famous Clinton letters recently unearthed in England are published, if they ever are published, they will doubtless have large interest for the people of the counties of Leeds and Grenville, as several of the old county families were just about right on the spot when these letters were written by Sir Henry Clinton, probably the most prominent of the British commanders in the Revolutionary War. It is openly hinted that family names are used with great profusion in these letters, so here's hoping for the best.

Signed this 9th day of November, in the year of Our Lord 1925, at No. 252 Grace Street, in the City of Toronto, Canada, in the sixteenth year of the reign of His Most Gracious Majesty, George Fifth, King of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the seas and Emperor of India.

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Postscript.

In the preparation of the material for this tale of the long ago the names of many worthy families have doubtless been omitted. The work has been accomplished at odd moments snatched from a busy life. Some of it has been done on trains and steamboats in the midst of a noisy crowd and much of it between the hours of twelve midnight and three a. m., after a strenuous day's work. However, if this will, in some small way reveal to us of the present generation something of the hardships and privations which our ancestors endured and if mayhap a thousand years hence some fellow may say - "Well there was one good scout lived in the long ago"-the spirit of him who tells this tale will feel that it has its due reward.

H.L.B.

memo: for Mr. Millet: -

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Clarence Blanchard, U. S. Government Reclamation Service, Washington, (D. C.
Mrs. James Mills, Montreal,
Mrs. Bruneau, Montreal,
Mrs. E. Coolidge, North Bay,
Miss A. Bellamy, New York City,
J. M. Bellamy, Baltimore, Md.,
William Bellamy, Toronto, (869 Carlaw Ave.),
J. B. Bellamy, Columbus, Ohio,
Ben. Bellamy, Smith's Falls, Ont.,
Mrs. K. E. Redmond, Meadville, Pa.,
C. E. Bellamy, Jackson, Ala.,
Dr. N. M. Bellamy, Ottawa, Ont.,
Mrs. G. F. Donnelley, Athens, Ont.,
William Dowling, New York City,
Mrs. R. J. Perry, Dorchester, Mass.,
Mrs. W. Wright, Dorchester, Mass.,
H. C. Walker, Smith's Falls, Ont.,
T. A. Walker, New Dublin, Ont.,
S. B. Walker, Des Moines, Iowa,
Mrs. Anna Newburn, Des Moines, Iowa.

In the Surrogate Court of the Midland District.

Mary Blanchard .... of Ernest Town in the said District, Widow, maketh oath and saith, that She verily believes the annexed Will to be the last Will and Testament of Ephraim Blanchard late of the Town ship of Ernest Town — deceased, that She will pay all the Debts and Legacies of the deceased, so far as the Goods shall extend and the law shall bind her — that She will well and truly administer according to Law, that She will exhibit or cause to be exhibited, into the Register's Office of the Surrogate Court for the Midland District, on or before six calendar months from the date hereof, a just and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, and Credits, which were of the said deceased, and that She will render a true account of her administration, when She shall be lawfully called upon so to do.

Sworn before me at Kingston, this 6th day of April 1840.
Ro: A. Cummin
Surrogate J.

Mary Blanchard

In the Name of God Amen —

I Ephraim Blanchard of the Township of Sweet Town in the Midland District and Province of Upper Canada, Gentleman, being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, taking into Consideration the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following To wit, —

First, I give devise and bequeath to my beloved Wife, Mary Blanchard all my Estate both real and personal, for and during the term of her natural life - and at her decease, to go to and be held by my Children Orson Blanchard, Mary Stoughton, Minerva Fraser and Sarah Ham, Share and Share alike, To Hold to them their Respective heirs and assigns forever - Subject however to the payment of fifty pounds Currency

(Turn over

to my Grand Son, Charles Anson Thomas when he shall attain the age of twenty one years. and after the decease of said wife — and I do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint My beloved Wife Mary Blanchard Sole Executrix of this My last Will and Testament - hereby Revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made —

In Testimony Whereof I have hereto - set my hand and seal the twenty Second day of August In the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty Nine

Signed Sealed and declared by the said Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereto set our names as Witnesses in presence of the Testator

Chas Fraser —

Elizabeth Fraser

Ephraim Blanchard

I recommend it to my beloved Wife to take the advice and assistance of my friends, Richard Ham Benjamin Ham and Isaac Frazer in all cases of difficulty that may arise in the management of my Estate.

Ephraim Wasshord

I Certify that a memorial of the within Will was registered in the Registry Office of the County of Frontenac at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty in Book N. Pages 409 & 410 a Memorial No. 322

C. Armstrong
Dep Registr
County of Frontenac

I do Certify that a Memorial of the within Will was Registered in the Register Office of the County of Addington on the Sixteenth day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty - at One o'clock in the afternoon -

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IAY 18, 1923

JOHN B. BLANCHARD PASSES AWAY

One of the oldest and best known residents of Napanee and Lennox County, passed away Wednesday, in the person of John Bell Blanchard, who died after several weeks' illness. The late Mr. Blanchard was in his 87th year, and had always lived in Napanee or the immediate vicinity. He was a successful farmer for a number of years, and since coming to Napanee had carried on a farm implement and general agency business. He was widely known and much respected throughout the County. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. E. Smith, of Napanee, and Mrs. J. J. O'Connell, of New York.

Funeral will be held this (Friday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock from Grace Methodist Church.

CAR CRASHES INTO DITCH. CLERIC AND WIFE INJURED

Accident Met by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon, Ottawa, Near Napanee

The Deseronto road, about two and one-half miles west of Napanee was the scene of a serious accident on Thursday afternoon of last week, about three o'clock, when an auto containing Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon, Ottawa, crashed into a deep ditch, and both occupants were injured. Mrs. McKinnon was severely cut about the face, and when medical aid was obtained it was necessary to put fourteen stitches in the various wounds. Mr. McKinnon escaped with less serious damage, although badly shaken up. Both are now with friends in Napanee. Mrs. McKinnon is out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon, the former a Presbyterian clergyman at Ottawa, had been visiting friends in Napanee, and had left shortly after noon to drive to Roslin, near Belleville. Their car, a sedan, suddenly became unmanageable while going at a fair rate of speed, and the crash into the ditch resulted.

HARLOWE.

Garden making and house cleaning is the order of the day, but the weather is very cold.—The rain on Wednesday and Thursday was welcomed on account of some bad fires which threatened to do great damage.—Mr. Jack Deline purchased a new Ford car recently from Sandy Barker, Arden.—Mr. Willie Black and sister, Clara, spent an evening this week at Mr. Frank Thompson's.—Mr. Chas. Hillier and family, of Roblin, spent Sunday at Walter Scott's. — Mrs. Joe Clancy and son, of Dead Creek, spent Saturday at Mrs. C. N. Bott's. —Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Thompson at Ora Loyst's, Dead Creek.—Mr. Poulter, Methodist minister, held a Mothers' Day service and the child

Mrs. Roy C. Anderson
136 S. E. 105th
Portland 16, Oregon

Replied 7 July/63
reporting failure to find
the bible on the gravestones.

30 June 1963

Dear Sir,

I'm writing with the hope of finding you have just forgotten me in the rush and haste of everyday living. My request was for a listing of the Blanchard farm cemetery stones.

I believe I sent you four dollars and some postage. If this was not enough, I'm sorry, but all that I can afford at this time.

A listing of the stones should be made and the information preserved.

Sincerely
Mary J. Anderson

Mrs. Roy C. Anderson
136 S.E. 105
Portland, 16, Ore.

31 July 1963

Dear Mr Burleigh,

Thankyou so much for your prompt answer. I am grateful for the interest you have shown and the time you have taken for me. It is a great shame that a list of the stones hadn't been made long ago. Perhaps some day you'll find a way, and, if you do, I shall be very grateful to hear from you.

If there is ever any research in the U.S. that I can help you with, it will be my pleasure.

Sincerely

Mary J Anderson

J. C. Clark Diary. Blanchard

1832
Mar. 8 This morning Mr. Charles Blanchard (a carpenter) hanged himself in his barn.

26 May 1962

Had discussion with Mr. Shelley Denyes re Blanchard Cemetery.

He stated that there was a cemetery just south-east of his present house. His grand father & father used to keep it in shape until it was destroyed.

This came about when a Blanchard came along between 1880 & 1890 from somewhere in the neighborhood stating that the cemetery belonged to his people, and that, as he (Blanchard) was building a new barn, he wanted the stones to use about his barn as stepping stones. He took them and Denyes plowed over the cemetery and has since used it as workland.

HOURS: 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.
7 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

'PHONE 17

Bath, Ont., ... *19* .....

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To Dr. H. C. Burliegh

For Professional Services $ .....

Received Payment

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ACCOUNTS ISSUED MONTHLY

fir. name, but do remember that he had but one arm, and was often idnetified by same. I had intended to have him take some action in the matter, and he notified Mr. Cramer of my intentions.

Unfortunately, I was too ill and disturbed to press the issue at that time. I deeply regret that I did not at least take the Bibles from him, and find some other place for them. However, I still did feel that Mr. Cramer would at least have some respect for them, and my request to preserve them for me.

Later I was located at many different places in Ontario, but not near Kingston After settling in Halifax in 1957, I wrote Mr. Cramer several times before receiving a reply to a very forceful letter. This reply was signed by I. Cramer, address 95 George Street, stated that Mr. Cramer had been ill, the business disposed off, and had no recollection of the Bibles.

He did not buy the Bibles but had good reason to remember the transaction. I received no reply to this last letter, the copy of which is enclosed. Since then I have not been able to visit Kingston in order to see Mr. Cramer in person, in an effort to at least ascertain the fate of the Bibles. Just prior to receiving your letter, I had planned in cotacting a Rabbi in Kingston, Mr. Cramer being a Jew, I felt perhaps that he would assist me in obtaining some satisfaction from Mr. Cramer, refresh his memory or appeal to something in the man.

Sorry to burden you with all the foregoing, but feel it was necessary to explain the situation, and the present whereabouts of the Bibles.

May I say it is, and was, a most difficult and regretful experience, and difficult to have to relate after keeping the Bibles with me so many years.

Last year I received an inquiring letter from my cousin, W. B. Bishop, 65 Fiddlers Lane, Newtonville, New York, Box 493., at which time I forwarded him a copy of my letter to Mr. Cramer. In any event I do intend to visit Mr. Cramer when the opportunity presents itself, if he is still alive.

If you wish to make any effort to contact him, you may do so, using the information I have conveyed to you, with my whole hearted permission.

There were two Bibles, Approximately 9 by 11 by 2 inches. On the cover of one in gold embossed letters was the inscription "Carolyn and Anson Blanchard." The other was the older of the two. They contained many entries, going back to the 1700's covering a period prior to the migration of the family to Canada. I am trying to recall from memory the details especially concerning the entries of the latter part of the 1700's, and would immediately advise you of anything that comes to mind now that I am thinking on them. Having read these records many times in years past, I do feel that I will be able to recall most of the details.

May I suggest that Dr. Harold Smith, veterinary surgeon, in Napanee, who was not only a close friend, but distantly related, could provide some details of the family history.

The original deed to the property in Ernesttown, along with a large wax seal I have given to my great friend, Jack Simpson, now deceased. These he had kept in his office, the seal displayed.

(LAW)

If you wish you may forward this letter to "Mrs Anderson" or keep it on file.

Dr. Burleigh, may I again say how grateful and appreciative I am that you have taken this kindly interest in the family record. You may rest assured that I will make every effort to recall or produce any information or record that will be of assistance. You may also forward this letter to Mrs. Anderson if you wish, or advise her of the contents of same, if you wish to retain this for your files.

There will, no doubt, be more come to mind that I may be able to advise you of in the future, there are many other family relations who may have information for us, The Bells or the Williams family of Camden East.

In the hope that the foregoing will be of some assistance in tracing our records, again thanking you, and please feel free to contact me at any time. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to my cousin, Mr. W. B. Bishop, Newtonville.

Yours sincerely,

H. Goldwin Smith

H. Goldwin Smith

PS- Did you happen to look in "W. S. Herrington's" history of our early settlers. It is years since I have seen it. It ~~was~~ has an entry I believe. There would likely be a copy in the Public Library if you do not happen to possess one.

However I do believe much will come to mind, especially the early entries in the Bibles.

So deeply regret my inability to immediately produce them for "Mrs. Anderson", or yourself.

I feel very badly about it all.

Sincerely H.G.S.

Copy
not replied to
T. Cramer

94 LaMarchant St.,
Halifax, N. S.
February 3, 1961.

T. Cramer,
59 Core St.,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Sir or Madam:-

Many thanks for your kind and prompt response to my recent letter, may I express regret upon hearing of Mr. Cramer's ill health trusting that his conditions will improve and that he is enjoying a confortable existance.

Regarding my request for information regarding the "Bibles". You state that Mr. Cramer does not remember buying Bibles at any time, which is quite correct.

Mr. Cramer did not buy the Bibles.

These books were brought in from Elgin along with many other books in bulk with the furniture, pictures, family albums etc. which were in the old desk and other containers.'

There was to have been an inventory taken of everything upon its being placed in his place of business. This was not done, I was very ill, Mr. Cramer insisted upon a cash settlement which I was obliged to accept.

It was at this time that I requested Mr. Cramer to please keep the three Bibles which contained the family records of the "Blanchard" and "Smith" families on this continent, and were of great sentimental value as they covered many generation etc.

I had no place to deposit them at that time, but did not expect I would be leaving them with Mr. Cramer for so long. However I did endeavour to contact him at an earlier date without success and being away I was not able to call upon him personally.

I trust that the foregoing will convey to you a picture of all that transpired at that time. The circumstances of which are well remembered by many parties concerned and involved legal and otherwise both in Kingston and Elgin.

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Now, not only the writer but relatives in both Canada and the States are interested in the fate of these Bibles.

Please advise specifically at earliest regarding the following:

Did Mr. Cramer retain these books in his stock which may have later been disposed of in bulk to his successor, or were they retained at all? Would there be a chance that they were sold in bulk to a second hand book dealer?

I do expect that Mr. Cramer would feel some obligation, moral, if not otherwise, regarding this entire transaction, both toward himself and myself, considering the nature of the books in question, their significance and the records contained.

Assuring you, that I personally would in turn, have had the utmost respect for a request made by you regarding your religious tombs, records etc, if the situation were reversed, and believing that for the sake of your own peace of mind alone, you will forward any information that may assist in the location of these books.

Enclosed you will please find a stamped addressed envelope regretting the necessity of troubling you to this extent but anticipating further and more definite information now that details of the entire transaction have been brought more clearly to Mr. Cramer's mind as well as that of others concerned.

Thanking you in advance and anticipating an early reply.

Very truly yours,

Harry C. Smith,

Hon "Wm Bowlings."
Copy of letter to "W B Bishop."
enclosure for your information "

91 Kane Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
April 7th 1982

Dear Wellington and Helen:

Firstly may I express the wish that I hope that this note will find you both well and happily enjoying your new home, also please extend my best wishes to Allan and his grand family.

You will please find attached some correspondence which I was very surprised and pleased to receive from good Dr. Burleigh of Bath, Ontario. I believe the letters will be self-explanatory.

I was very much amazed to note the contents of the letter received from Mrs. Anderson, an exact copy of which I am enclosing. The original I am returning to Dr. Burleigh today, which he requested.

I still have hope of tracing and recovering the Bibles, and trusting to God that they were not destroyed. Possibly Dr. Burleigh can assist by making inquiries in Kingston, as he is not far from there.

May I again tell you, Wellington, how I have so deeply regretted a thousand times that I did not give all these things to you and Helen when you were over.

You and your family are so deserving of same, and I believe Allan too would have appreciated them. However, I can only say that due to many pressures for a long period of years which had caught up with me, my whole world and sense of values had become warped and distorted.

As an outcome I lost so much of all I had valued most. This is not an alibi or an excuse, just a confession of my apparent lack of stability and inability to meet the circumstances.

I had intended at the time I left the Bibles with Mr. Cramer to immediately recover them and ship them to you, unfortunately, I was too ill to carry out my intentions at that time.

Now, believing that you would find this last correspondence and information interesting, I am enclosing same. Would you please return Dr. Burleigh's letters to me.

I am forwarding Dr. Burleigh any information I am able to recall re the entries in the Bibles especially those which were made during the 1700's prior to the family migration to Canada.

Hope this rather disjointed note will convey the thoughts and information I would wish. Will let you know immediately if we are able to obtain any more information.

All the best to all.

Yours affectionately,

Goldwin Smith.

2 April, 1962.

Mr. H. G. Smith,
91 Kane Street,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I was more than pleased to receive your letter this morning. I suspected that you would answer, because I was told that you were very much interested in your ancestors. So often so many people have no interest in that regard. I am sure that the lady who wrote the attached letter will be equally pleased. Incidentally, I have been collecting any available information about all our local families. So, your notes on the Blanchards will be more than welcome.

I am attaching to this letter the note which I received, with the promise that you will return it to me for enclosure in my Blanchard file. You will note that I made a mistake when I wrote that she was from Spokane, instead of Portland.

Again our thanks, and I, at least, shall be looking forward to the receipt of the Blanchard records. I was able to discover that Shelley Denyes had built his new house on the site of the old Blanchard Cemetery. I expect to call on him as soon as the ground dries up a bit, mainly to see if any of the stones has been saved. If I find anything I will let you know.

Yours sincerely,

DR. H. C. BURLEIGH
BATH. ONTARIO

Mr. H. C. Burleigh

1. Was the Blanchard bible lost in a fire? No.

2. Was the bible sold at auction? If so, who bought it? No.

3. If the bible is lost, can you supply any details of the parents and grandparents of Anson Blanchard, the father of John Bell Blanchard?

Please forward letter received from our lady of Spokane.
Upon receipt of same I will gladly furnish both you and her with all the information I am able, concerning both "Two" the "Bibles" and sends them.

Harry Goldwin Finnell
91 Hanna St. Halifax.

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Your interest and efforts are very much appreciated.

Most sincerely yours,

Goldwin Smith.

91 Hand St.

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Halifax N.S.
Jan. 12th 1961
5887 Hare St.

Mr. H.C. Burleigh.
Bath Ont.
Re. Your "Blanchard file."

Dear Mr. Burleigh:

May I finally express the wish that this note finds you in good health.

Personally I have not been so fortunate having experienced a stroke a while ago, and so am fortunate in being able to, at least have the use of my faculties.

At Christmas I again heard from "Mrs Roy Anderson" of "Portland Oregon" I regret that I have no further progress to report to her regarding the information she desires

Dr. Mr. Burleigh:

I wish to assist this note, that this my evidence of interest seems to have been tardy of late years, the concern and interest has never abated.

Circumstances intervening & disturbing events out of course upset for awhile my concept & values of the many things I had cherished.

I am feeling very badly about the circumstance of loosing my records, which I had kept by me & cherished for years.

May I again express my gratitude to you for your information & interest. We hope we will be able to clear this as far as I can go while there is still time.

Sincerely, [illegible]

Upon re-reading our previous correspondence I note that in your letter of April 2nd, 1962 you mention that "Mr Shelley Hayes" had built his home in the old "Blandford" Cemetery.

I seem to recall, years ago that the late "Geo. Ham" mentioned this to me, and believed that Mr "Hayes" had removed the three epitaph markers.* However I was unfortunately unable to follow up this information at that time. However these markers may still be in existence, and convey the desired information or at least contribute to our present knowledge. You mentioned that you would likely be able to contact "Mr Hayes" re. these markers and let me know their fate.

* and had removed some.
I am anxious to know the fate or disposition of same

I am anxious to ascertain to whom the Old Farm land was originally recorded to.
Did "Ephraim Blanchard" bring his father with him,?
Fathers name "Ebenezer"
Was the earliest record of any land settled in "Ephraim's" name,
a did "Ebenezer" settle originally?
"Ebenezer" must have been settled sometime long prior to his return visit to the states, as is recorded in "Ephraim's" letter of "1828."

The old "Bible records," did completely coincide with the facts as outlined in "Ephraim's letter"
Including the entry of the marriage to "Mary Spaulding".
Also entries prior to their migration.

I have always hoped that I would at some time be able to return myself, as I do not remember ever having been to the original "Bolendrad farm"
I am familiar with the location of the farm near "Beaver Creek."
Tell I was aware that there had been the other farm.
We hope that as you mentioned in your letter that you would likely be visiting or contacting ~~any~~ Wenger".
Perhaps if you would kindly furnish me with his address I could write him.
I would like to go as far as we can in this regard, and determine if possible when and where any holding was originally recorded to.

As it appears to me now, "Ephraim" & his father "Ebenezer" migrated at the same time. Did they settle at the location of the "Wenger farm first? Or did they have their grants designated later.

I believe that they were drawn for, however I have forgotten about that.

I recall having the "Einstein" original deed with a large wax seal attached, this seal was about six inches in diameter. This seal my friend "John Thompson" had displayed on his office for years. The copy of the deed I am afraid was lost in the fire.

However I regret that I have not been able to make any further

Progress with the "Bibles", but the records as I remember them certainly co-incide with all the information we have.

Wishing you and yours all the best, "Mr Beverley" and thanking you for your kind trouble & attention.

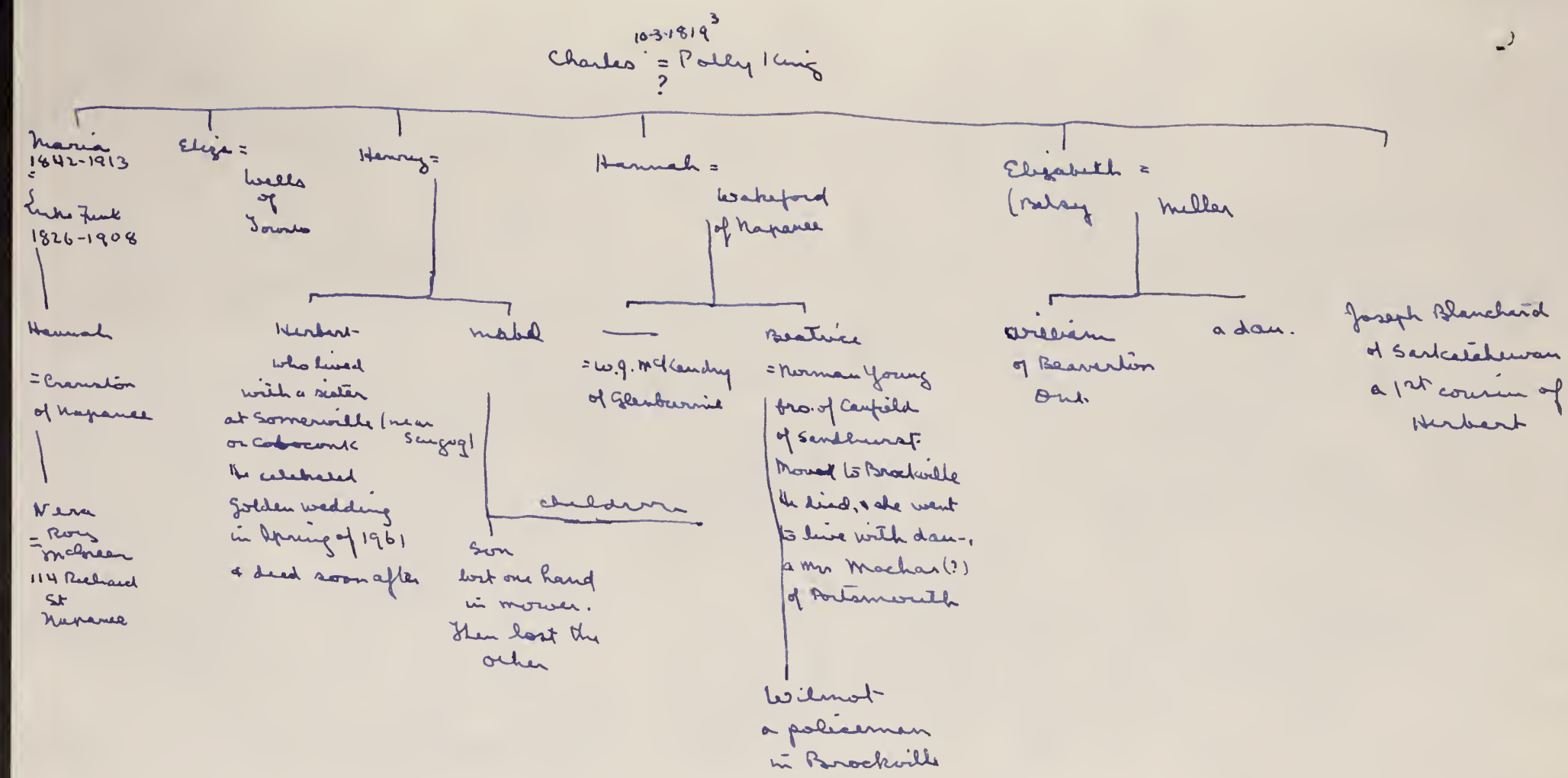
Yours very truly.

H. Goldwin Smith.
5887 Hawe St.
Halifax
N.S.

Lot 42 4

8.2.48 WS T. 100 N½ Cr.
18.9.49 WT T. to Geo Bradshaw
3.1.53 reg. 100 ac sold

Eph. Blanchard W 2151 Bk G.
Mary Blanchard executrix
Mary Blanchard
Anson "
Mary Stoughton
Minerva Truax
Sarah Ann
Chas Anson Thomas.


Charles 10-3-1819 = Polly King
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Maria 1842-1913 = Luke Funk 1826-1908
Hannah
= Cranston of Napanee
Nera = Roy McKeen 114 Richard St Napanee
Eliza = Wells of Toronto
Henry =
Herbert- who lived with a sister at Somerville (near Sengog) or Cobourg the celebrated Golden wedding in Spring of 1961 & died soon after
Mabel
children
Son lost one hand in mower. Then lost the other
Hannah = Wakeford of Napanee
= W.G. McCandy of Glenburnie
Beatrice = Norman Young pro. of Canfield of Sandhurst. Moved to Brockville He died, & she went to live with dau., a Mrs Mochar(?) of Portsmouth
Wilmot- a policeman in Brockville
Elizabeth = (Kelsey Miller
William of Beaverton Ont.
a dau.
Joseph Blanchard of Saskatchewan a 1st cousin of Herbert

21 March, 1962.

Mr. Goldwin Smith,
91 Kane Street,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Smith:

A few months ago I had a letter from a woman in Spokane, Washington State, asking for information regarding the Blanchard family of Ernesttown. The letter was handed to me by our postmaster because I have an interest in our old families.

I set to work on the problem and was able to come up with a good deal of information. I discovered that an Ephraim Blanchard lived on Lot 26 in the 4th concession of Ernesttown, and that he died there in 1840. I also found that an Anson Blanchard, who lived north of Bath, and who is buried in Morven Cemetery, was the father of John Bell Blanchard, your grandfather. I found Mrs Scott, and others who knew you. They all mentioned your interest in the Blanchard family. They also said that you had the Blanchard bible, which had many old entries regarding the family in New York State, as well as in Ontario. I was also informed that the bible may have been burned in a fire or sold at auction years ago.

As I am anxious to help out the lady in the west, would you please reply, using the enclosed envelope. For this purpose I am asking a few questions for the purpose of discovering what happened to the bible, or if there are any family records which might help out.

Anything which you may tell us will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

1. Was the Blanchard bible lost in a fire?

2. Was the bible sold at auction? If so, who bought it?

3. If the bible is lost, can you supply any details of the parents and grandparents of Anson Blanchard, the father of John Bell Blanchard?

Canada.

15 Feb., 1962.

Mrs. Mary J. Anderson,
136 S. E. 105,
Portland 16,
Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

I am in receipt of your letter of 3 January, and I feel that I should make reply before you write me again. I wish also to acknowledge the three dollar disclosure.

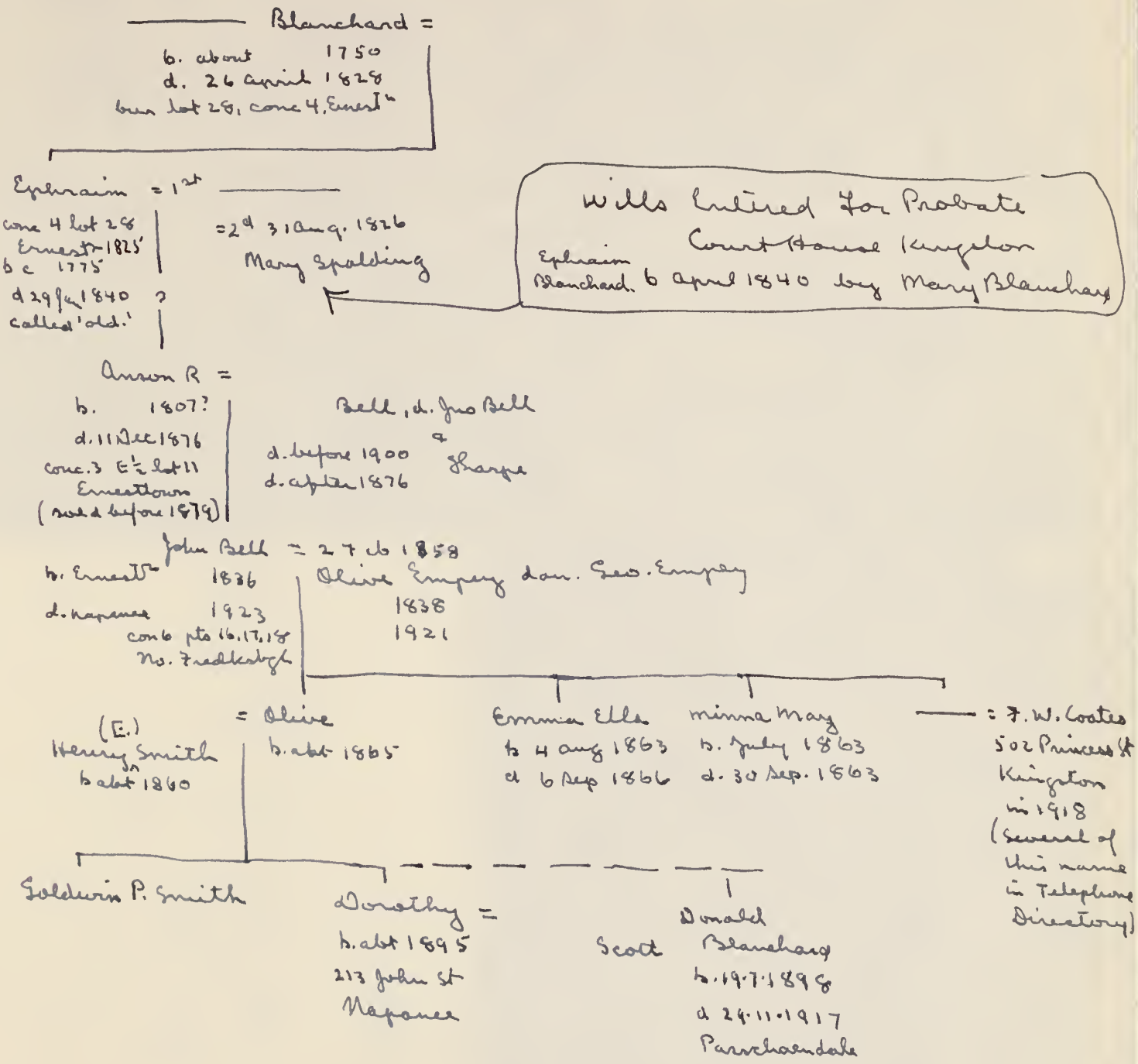
Let me take your second request at this time. I refer to an investigation of the old cemetery on the Ephraim Blanchard farm. As I noted, it is eight or nine miles from my home. It is also covered by about ten inches of snow. This makes me consider that it would be well for a few weeks or a month until the snow has disappeared. I know the owner of the farm but have never had occasion to talk with him on any subject. This must wait for spring weather.

Now, to your first request--the name of Ephraim Blanchard's father. I have given the subject a good many hours of thought and search through my papers. To date, I have no answer. I have, however, approached two people who might give the answer, namely:

1. Mrs. Ort, and her elder brother, Joseph Smith, who were born and raised on a neighboring farm. Mrs. Ort was too young to remember much of the Blanchards, except that they lived on that farm and that there was a graveyard there. We are going to see her older brother who might be able to recall more about your family.

2. I drove to Maitland, Hants, a distance of 16 miles to interview a Mrs. Scott, whose mother was a Blanchard. This interview was most interesting. She is a granddaughter of the J. T. Blanchard, of whom I wrote previously. His name was John Bell Blanchard, and was a son of the Simeon Blanchard, who was killed and buried in the "Seven" cemetery (see my first letter). Mrs. Scott had a brother, Goldwin Smith, who had inherited the Blanchard Bible and pictures. He was quite interested in these matters. Unfortunately, he became somewhat of an alcoholic, and at present is somewhere in Nova Scotia, and is said to be carefully in a hospital in Halifax. She said that Goldwin had been burned out and she was afraid that the Bible had been lost. She also mentioned that Goldwin had sold some of his things to a man named Thoms. On the strength of this information, I drove another six miles, but did not see Thoms. However, I discovered that what was left of Goldwin's worldly goods were actually stored in a neighboring house owned by Thoms. My contact promised to see Thoms and persuade him to let me see the bible if he had it. Incidentally, Mrs. Scott informed me that the bible records went away back into the U. S., so it may furnish a good deal of light.

As you can surmise, your three dollars did not go too far. Money never does nowadays. I can understand your desire to obtain details of your ancestry. Nor do I know your financial background. I must leave [illegible]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d. 26 April 1828
bur lot 28, conc 4, Ernest
Ephraim = 1st
conc 4 lot 28
Ernest 1825
b c 1775
d 29 Aug 1840
called 'old.'
=2d 31 Aug. 1826
Mary Spalding
Wills Entered for Probate
Court House Kingston
Ephraim Blanchard. b April 1840 by Mary Blanchard
Anson R =
b. 1807?
d. 11 Dec 1876
conc. 3 E½ lot 11
Ernestown
(not d before 1879)
Bell, d. Jno Bell
d. before 1900
d. after 1876
a Sharpe
John Bell = 27 Jb 1858
b. Ernest 1836
d. Napanee 1923
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Olive Empey dau. Geo. Empey
1838
1921
(E.) Henry Smith
b abt 1860
= Olive
b. abt 1865
Emma Ella
b 4 aug 1863
d 6 Sep 1866
Minna May
b. July 1863
d. 30 Sep. 1863
= J. W. Coates
502 Princess St
Kingston
in 1918
(Several of this name in Telephone Directory)
Goldwin P. Smith
Dorothy =
b. abt 1895
213 John St
Napanee
Scott
Donald Blanchard
b. 19.7.1896
d 24.11.1917
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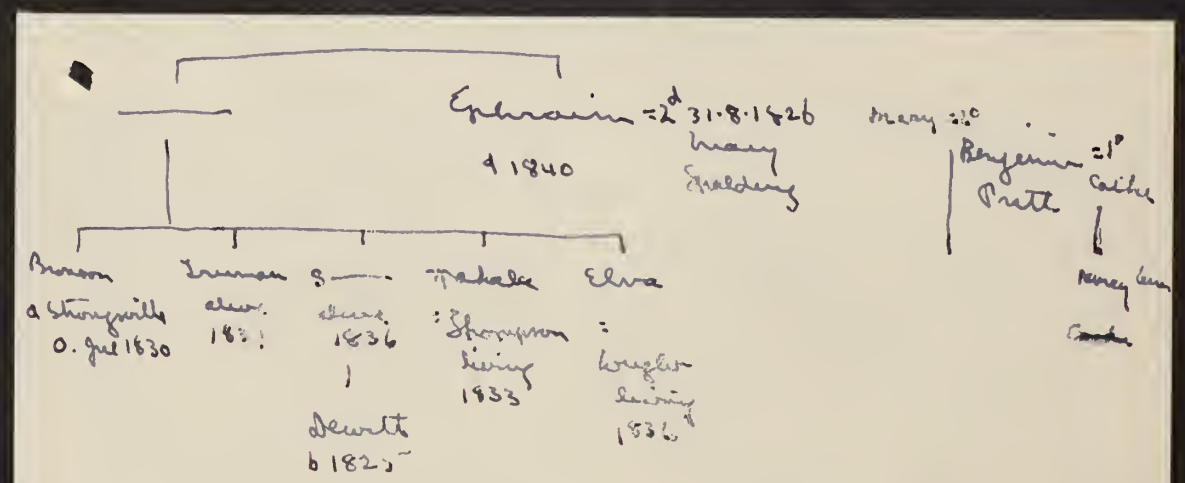
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Thompson
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Elva
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Douglas
living
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Mrs Dorothy Scott Blanchard
213 John St Napanee
10 Feb 1962

Mrs Scott, aged about 60-66, was a granddaughter of John Bell Blanchard, whose daughter, Olive, married Mrs Scott's father Henry Smith, of Napanee, a jeweller.

She does not know anything of Ephraim Blanchard or of the wife of Luke Frink.

Her grandfather once farmed where the Napanee Golf Links are now located

She cannot recall any definite names, but the Blanchards had connections somewhere in mid-west & they used to visit. Her grandfather called himself a Yankee-Dutchman.

Mrs. Scott had an only brother, Goldwin P. Smith who was interested in the Blanchards. He got the family bible which Mrs Scott believes was burned. It had a good deal to do with earlier generations in U.S.

Goldwin P. Smith had a cottage near Bath or on the Rideau which was burned. He is now, or was, working in a hospital in Halifax. He was friend of Mr Thomas who owns land at Millhaven, and Miss Morgan should know about him.

John Bell Blanchard was named for the Bells of this district & had plenty of relatives of that name.

She thinks that her brother's furniture is still at Thom's.

Mrs. Roy C. Anderson
136 S.E. 105
Portland, 16, Oregon

3 January 1962

Mr. H.C. Burleigh, M.D.
Bath,
Ontario, Canada.

Dear Mr Burleigh,

Now that the holidays are over and all the children back in school I can spend a few peaceful hours at my desk each day. Even my husband, who is a senior in Electrical Engineering and an employee of the telephone Company is back at school. Please forgive such a long delay in answering my query with so much information. I was delighted because this is surely my Ephraim Blanchard family.

Since you are, in your own words, "unnoficial historian" of that section,I am sending you a copy of the original letter in my possession. It would seem (no proof) that Mary is a sister of Ephraim. I believe that I stated in my first letter that Benjamin Pratt and Mary are my gr.gr.grandparents.

What I would like to discover are two things: First--the name of "our aged parent" mentioned in the letter who is burried on Ephraim Blanchards land. Second -- information about the graves you told me about in your letter.

To be frank with you I am rather hesitant about offering an amount to you for this information. I've done all my research in Census micro-film, town clerks, county histories, and old family documents and letters, and placing ads. This last summer I worked on two very old pioneer cemeteries for the Oregon Historical Society, but that entailed chipping and scrapping moss, scrub brushes and chalk dust in addition to the abundance of poison ivy! But this was a voluntary project and expedited because of a new free-way.

I will enclose three dollars and if this is not satisfactory please inform me.

My very best wishes for a very happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Mary J Anderson

Ernest Town May 7, 1828

Dear Brother and Sister

I this day take my pen in hand with a heavy heart to inform you in part respecting myself and family but more especially to convey to you the solemn news of the death of our aged parent. In the first place I would inform you that during Fathers absence to your country on the 31st of August 1826 I was married to my 2nd wife by the name of Mary Spalding she was born in the state of New York she had resided in this country a number of years before our marriage - her unremiting attention to our aged parent gave him the greatest satisfaction till the day of his death, and indeed to all my family and friends He had a very good journey from the time he left Brother Briants, till he arrived at my house which was on the 6th day of Nov. in tolerable good health and spirits, and I believe equally as well pleased as ever a child could be when returned to their parents I discovered soon a gradual failure which soon so far deprived him of the use of his limbs that he was unable to walk from the house, to the barn, but was, the greatest part of the time, able to walk about the house with the help of his canes, till February last before this time his legs and feet were badly swelled the swelling was increased till they were of an enormouse size he was about 8 inches larger around the lower part of his body than usual for about one month before his death, he departed this life April 26th in the morning without a struggle or a groan, he had his senses the most of the time during his sickness he was sensible of his approaching death and talked of it with great composure, the last observation he made on the subject was that the sting of death was no longer a terror to him. I had him burried on my farm near me by his repeated request.

Last summer I was making calculations to visit your country the present season but owing to some, among the many changes we have to encounter in this life I shall not be able to come at present You wrote there was a prospect of selling some property of mine for cash at a reduced price if the sacrifice has got to be made it may as well be made now as to wait longer, I allow you to be the best judge in your country therefore procede according to your own judgement, and write to me the particulars as soon as convenient as I am in present need of cash. Please to give notice to sister Munsell and Family of the Death of our much loved Father-----

Mrs. Blanchard and the rest of my family join in respect to you and all friends I will now close my letter by wishing you the best of Heavens blessing and subscribe myself your real friend and brother

Ephraim Blanchard

Folded into envelope

Maj. Benjm Pratt
Granville
Licking County
Ohio

25 (cost of sending letter)

A true copy of the original in my possession. 1 January 1962
Mary J. Anderson
136 S.E. 105
Portland, 16,
Oregon

Canada.

5 Dec., 1961.

Mrs. Roy C. Anderson,
136 S. E. 105th,
Portland 16, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

Your letter of 14 Sept., 1961, to the Postmaster, Bath, Ont., was passed to me, as I am the unofficial historian of this part of Ontario. I have asked questions here and there, and have looked through my papers, and have come up with some pertinent information for you. Here it is:

An Ephraim Blanchard is listed as having received from the Crown on 25 November, 1825, the east half of lot 25, in the 4th concession of the Township of Ernesttown (eight miles from my village).

John C. Clark's Diary (1831-1864) has the following:
1832, March 8--This morning Mr. Charles Blanchard, a carpenter, hanged himself in his barn (location not given).
1840, January 15--Mr. Ephraim Blanchard's buildings burned.
1840, Jan. 29--Old Mr. Ephraim Blanchard died.

An elderly lady who was raised on the adjoining farm told me that there was a cemetery of the Blanchards on lot 25. The present owner recently built a new house on or close to this old cemetery. I have not talked to the owner about it.

In addition to the above, I have discovered other Blanchards who are said to have lived in the same township. What, if any, relationship they had with your family is not known. Some persons (female) are of the Blanchard family, and are said to live further west of here. Local cemeteries supply the following information, from grave stones:

Morven Cemetery, Ernesttown (seven miles west of the farm)

Anson R. Blanchard, died 11 Dec., 1876, aged 69?

Children of J. B. and Olive Blanchard
Emma Ella, died 6 Sept., 1866, aged 3 yrs., 1 month, 2 days.
Minna May, died 30 Sept., 1863, aged 2 months.

Luke Frink, January 22, 1826; 1 June, 1908.
Maria Blanchard, his wife, 23 April, 1842; 28 Jan., 1913.
Sophronia I., 5 Nov., 1878; 4 March, 1897.

Riverside Cemetery, Napanee (12 miles west)

John B. Blanchard, 1836-1923.
Olive Empey, his wife, 1838-1921.

An ~~obituary~~ 60th Wedding anniversary of John B. Blanchard shows that they were married 2 Feb., 1858, at Ernesttown

Additional information shows that a William Blanchard, a soldier in the 44th British Regiment settled in Prince Edward, a neighboring county. His wife was Sally, and a son, Michael, was baptized here 9 March 1788. This Michael was a witness to marriages in 1806 ~~and~~ in September. William evidently died before January, 1789, as Sally, then a widow, married Israel Simpson, a widower, of Prince Edward on 21 Jan., 1789.

Also a Charles Blanchard and Polly King, both of Fredericksburgh Township (3 miles west of my village) were married 10 March, 1819.

At present, it is not known whether there was any relationship between the above persons and the Blanchard family of lot 25, concession 4 of Ernesttown.

It is almost certain that further information could be uncovered regarding your family, but it would mean investigation and the outlay of some money to cover cost of search.

I trust that you find the above information of interest and that you experience a happy holiday season.

Yours sincerely,

H. C. Burleigh.

Map of Ernesttown 1860

Conc 3 E½ Lot 11 A + J. to Richard Blanchard

A map showing Prince Edward County

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Please use ord on your reply.

Mrs Roy C. Anderson
136 S.E. 105
Portland, 16, Oregon

14 Sept 1961

Dear Sir:

I am anxious to ascertain if there is a Blanchard family, of long standing, still residing in Ernestown.

In my possession is a letter dated May 7th, 1828 - Ernest Town, Signed: Ephraim Blanchard - addressed to my Great Grandparents - Maj. Benjamin Pratt, Granville, Licking Co. Ohio. It is subscribed "Your brother," and tells of "our parent" 26 April 1828 dying & being buried on my farm.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely
Mary J. Anderson

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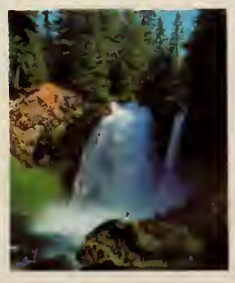
MT. HOOD

SAHALIE FALLS



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OREGON 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1859 1959

OREGON *the nation's destination in '59!*

Hough Sc. Bk 1 p 64 Mr + Mrs J. B. Blanchard

60th Wedding Anniversary

Napanee.

Marr. Feb. 2, 1850 (8) at Camden East, at the residence of Mr. + Mrs. Geo. Cooper, parents of the bride, by Rev. N. H. Howard, Methodist minister of Napanee. Witnesses were Joseph Thompson, Jonas Shibley, Esq., etc.

Lived for a number of years in Lonsdale; South Napanee, on a farm, + for the past 12 yrs in Napanee.

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Census of New York State, 1790

Albany County
Halfmoon Town
Ephraim Blanch~~ard~~er 1 male
1 female
1 male under 16 yrs

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Pratt ans C401 (Nov 13/61) 22.1.62
Benj b. 18.1.1776

Blanchard Q C6460 Nov 27/61 Phebe b N H 1815 -> living

" Ans (C6149 Sep 4/61) Nov 13/61 Jno = 1760. Eleanor Stevens

" Ans (C5555 18.3.61) Nov 6/51 Thos b NH 1758
QV Joseph Blanchard of Boston Mass (N E Gen Reg. Apr & July 1939

" Query C-6178 - 11 Sept/61) Aaron b 1778 N H by J C H

" " C-6185 do) neth of Mass 1653 QW

" " C-6149 - 4 Sep/61) Jno of Mass - wife a 1799 (Stevens)

" " C5460 17 Jul/61 Thos b Weymouth 1694
Jno b " 1660
Pratt Mellis Dan b. 1682

Blanchard Q C5966(5) " Reynear Rev soldiers Bergen Co N J.

Pratt Q C5909 3 Jul/61 Sen Dan'l Darwin Pratt grad 1831
father of Indiana

Blanchard ans C5273 of Jan 7/61 Ref. Blanchard Fam by
" 19.6.61 Addlands Blanchards Crandall Blanchards of R.I.
Huguenots

" Q C 5793 (5) 29.5.61 Thos d. Charlestown Mass 1654

Pratt ans C-4979 (3) 1.10.60 - 18.2.61

Blanchard Q C5334(3) 14.1.1961 Saml Farmington Mich

" Q 5273(5) 7.1.61 Jno b abt 1700 Compton R.I.

" Q - C.5273 24.12.60 Jno b " " " "

Pratt Q C5239 10.12.60 Mary m. 1780 to U T (Thelford?) c 1782

" Q C5113 4.11.60 Sgt Thos b by 1628

Blanchard Q C4777 13.8.60 Grace = 1790 N Y.

" Ans (Q C4376 - 7.5.60) 16.7.60 Saml Pach Blanchard ~~b~~ 1820 N Y

HOURS: 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.
7 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

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Bath, Ont., ... *19* .....

——— 1850-60 = 1828 ca 68?

Ephraim 1875-80 - 1840 ca 65?

——— 1740-50 = 1828 ca 78-88

Ephraim 1860-70 = 1840 ca 70-80

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To Dr. H. C. Burliegh

For Professional Services $ .....

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Blanchard Q C-4376 - 7.5.60 Saml d 1846 Seth. Mich c 1800

Pratt Q C 4343: 30.4.60 David b. 1776 Conn

" Q C 3910: 26.12.59 Matthew ch b. 1700-20: Mass? Wm

Blanchard Q C3702 31.10.59 Mary b 1674 d pro Hannah of Wm Mitchell

Pratt Q 3482: 26.9.59 Diadamia b 1800 (6) non Charlotte b 1825 m. in Vt.

" Q C-3513 12.9.59 Jesse 5 (Nathan 4 David 3.2 Thos 1) = L. Wash Co NY

" Q C 3414 15.8.59 Susanna m Vt 1790 Hazell. She has bro Jno

Blanchard Q C-3204 20.6.59 Phebe = c 1834 + set Wise.

" Q 3216 " Nathl, his d. = 1785 Mass

Pratt Q C 3092 13.5.59 Elizer = Dryhenson & Red Creek NY = 1830 To Mich

Blanchard Q C-2024 23.8.58 Phoebe Maria = c 1834 b. NY 1815 To Buchanan Mich + d Magnolia Wise after 1850

" Q C 1972 9.8.58 Wm of Killingly Con c 1731

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Hongh Sc. Bk 1 p 88 Mr & Mrs John B. Blanchard

Napanee

Celebrated 61st wedding anniversary at the home of their son-in-law, F. W. Cooles, 502 Princess St., Kingston.

He was born in Ernesttown.

She was Olive, dau. of the late George Empey, owner of the Thompson Paper Mills at Camden East, where he also built the saw & grist mill.

Married Feb 2, 1858 by Rev. Mr. Howard at Ernesttown.

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BLANCHARD, Forest I., b. Gran, O., 1886. Teaches DeVilbiss High School, Toledo, O. Genealogist for Blanchard family. Compiled mss. on Blanchard in America (300 years); Offers to exchange data on descs. of Thomas Blanchard & son, Samuel, and son Jonathan. Address: Sylvania, Ohio.

GAGE, Miss Ethel Blanchard, b. Middletown, N.Y., June 15, 1900. Specializes in Orange Co., N.Y. Wants to corr. with descs. of Justus Blanchard (Billerica, Mass., 1757; Thomas Blanchard (from Eng., 1639). Wants court, church, cemetery records of Blanchard family (Greene Co., N.Y.). Offers data on Blanchard. Address: 24 Benton Av., Middletown, N.Y.

HARTMAN, J. Crawford, b. 1894. Asst. Librarian of N.Y. G.B.S. Compiled: Joseph Blanchard of Boston & Some of his Descs.(in N.E.H.G.S. Register, Apr.,-July, 1939. Wants to corr. with J.S. & Can. descs. of Joseph Blanchard (d. Boston, 1687, and son Deacon John of Dunstable, Mass.), & of Thomas Blanchard (came in Jonathan, 1639): has over 10,000 descs. of these two Blanchard pioneers. Address: 556 111th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Letter to Hartman 13-7-49

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Blanchard

Blanchard, William = Sally → Michael[5] bap 9.3.1788 wit[s] 13.9.1806
wit[s] 30.9.1806

Sarah[5] widow = Israel Simpson[5], widower 23.1.1789.

St. George's — nil

U.E. List
William 5 44th Regt. Genl. H aldemand, 100
+ P.L. 1786 (Stamped Book).

U.E. List Supp — nil
Loy. claim + witness — nil
P.B.Q
p. 175.
L.B.O — nil
Hald. Papers (May, 1941)

Lozie
Ret. Ref. Loy. Encl. Those Quart. + Res. at Up. Posts.
Lozie self N.Y. ———

William 168.11
Ret. Disb. Sr. + Loy Sp 5 (Cat) 4 Oct/84
Wm self 1ac On his land.

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McDowall Register
Charles Blanchard + Polly King, both of Fredericksburgh 10 Mar. 1819

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Ernestown Township Patents (Crown Grants)
Ephraim Blanchard East half lot 25, concession 4 25 Nov 1825

Howard + 3

Simpson 1
Shirley +

King 1

Thompson +

Coates 3

Empey + 3